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## Oakland Stake Conference Hears New Apostle, Marion G. Romney

Tremendous power for good and for the salvation of man can be exercised by members of Christ's Church who live worthy of the blessing of the Gift of the Holy Ghost, Elder Marion G. Romney of the Quorum of the Twelve told one of Oakland Stake's largest quarterly conference gatherings during Sunday's opening session at the Oakland Ward Chapel.

Elder Romney also decried the great desire on part of some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to "serve the Lord with one hand and hang on

Marion G. Romney

to the things of the world with the other. It can't be done,!" he concluded.

Apostle Romney talked impressively directly in his preface to the boys and girls of the stake Homebuilders and Trailbuilders groups of Primaries who contributed special music for the meeting.

Bearing a testimony of the truth of the Gospel, he said "I have never had a doubt in my life about the Gospel.

"My problem," he said, "was to live close enohgh to the Lord so that my life would be good enough to gain the Holy Spirit to be with me . . . so that the Lord would direct me.

"The head of this Church is Jesus Christ, and he has given us the marvelous gift of the Holy Ghost that we don't exercise as we ought to exercise it.

"Just as Christ had a mission, the Holy Ghost has mission. The Holy Ghost's mission is to dwell in the hearts of men and women and testify to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to testify to people that Jesus is the Christ. If we can live to be worthy of the Spirit we will go in the right direction.

"Go to Sacrament meetings and listen and study and think on the blessings in the Sacrament prayers and the purpose of the Sacrament, which is to bring people into harmony with the Spirit of the Lord.

"The other is to pray with our families every morning and every evening and to kneel in secret prayer."

Sister Ida J. Romney also spoke during the morning session.

Stake President Wright re-

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## LDS Business News

● M. Dee Smith while in Salt Lake City, at the General Conference, had a call for a funeral made by an old friend of Dennis Lauper, who had lost his father and called Dennis to have Dennis select a mortuary for him. Brother Lauper pinch-hit and called the mortuary with which M. Dee is associated as partner—Robinson Brothers, of Fruitvale, and all went off as well as if Elder Smith had been home all the while. Fine cooperation, Dennis.

● Homer Stout of Stout Bros. Tire Dealers, Berkeley, at last got his deer. After two seasons without so much as seeing a buck, one

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HARVEST MOON HIGHLIGHTS!

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### BERKELEY STAKE CONVENES CONFERENCE NOV. 10 and 11

Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve, will be the representative of the General Authorities in attendance at the regular quarterly conference of the Berkeley stake Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, 1951, in the Berkeley chapel, Walnut and Vine streets.

This will be a Welfare conference in some of its emphasis, yet of general interest to young and old who are all invited cordially to be in attendance at all sessions.

Saturday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 a Welfare meeting convenes, followed by a priesthood meeting from 8 to 9:30. A full attendance is impressed on all concerned. Important matters will be presented.

## S. F. Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER.

Interesting news this month is the marriage of Theda Call and Wallace Grant Bennett. The ceremony took place in the Salt Lake Temple October 19. Brother Bennett ,a lieutenant in the army, is head of the "Information and Education School" at the Presidio and holds the position of President of the San Francisco Stake Mission.

**Good news is that Henry Thomson, senior High Councilman of the Stake, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is convalescing at home. His daughters and two sons spent about ten days close to his bedside, but now have returned to their homes.**

Sister Melinda Somers of Logan, Utah, came in June to spend a few months at the home of her son, Ira Somers of the stake presidency. She accompanied Ira and Edna to the October Conference in Salt Lake City and then returned to her home.

The Stake Presidency and wives had a most enjoyable trip over Labor Day, accompanying the Sunset ward Fireside Group on their annual outing to Yosemite. A group totaling about 40 gathered there Saturday. On Sunday a testimony meeting was held high on a point of the mountains. A wonderful time was enjoyed every moment of the week end.

President Gladys Winter of the Stake Relief Society announces two new members of her board; Josephine Thatcher Danford magazine agent and Leta McCune Squires, literary department. Sister Squires attended Relief Society conference in Salt Lake City, making six from our board and then stayed to visit with her mother for a month.

Ward conferences will be held through the stake on November 4. Four of the wards, all but Mission, are holding bazaars in October and November.

**Supt. D. Forrest Greene announces the Stake Sunday School has purchased a slide film projector and screen for use in the wards and at Union meetings. Sister Elizabeth Miratti, who is in charge of the Junior Sunday schools of the stake plan moving to San Mateo with her family in the next few months.**

Leon Hovik, superintendent of

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## Santa Rosa Stake

By LU CARTER.

The Santa Rosa Stake was well represented at the recent General Conference in Salt Lake City. Those making the trip were President and Sister Murdock, President and Sister Byrne and President Knowlton of the Stake presidency, and five of the Stake High Council, including Brother Mark Brockbank, Brother Reed Keller, Brother Verlon Southwick, Brother Joseph Southwick and Brother Howard C. Hacking.

Sister Helen Brockbank, stake president of the YWMIA, has chosen as her age group counselor Sister Emma Jean Allen of the Sebastopol Branch and Sister Beulah Shoemaker of the Petaluma Branch as secretary.

The Stake Junior Gleaner Date With Dad will be held in the Napa Hall, Saturday, November 3. At this time the girls will honor their dads in an informal get-together. Over 100 girls and their fathers are expected.

MISSION WARD CHAPEL—This stately mission-type structure, the new chapel of Mission ward, San Francisco, was dedicated Sept. 30, 1951, by Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve. Thus was fulfilled a dream of many years of that ward's members and especially of Bishop Wallace N. Allred. Eight hundred fifty members and friends attended. The new chapel with its patio entrance and large parking area in the rear, seats 400, or 850 when the recreation hall is opened up. Theodore Ruegg was the architect and Cyril Johnson,, general contractor. Every modern convenience is included for auxiliary and worship purposes.

## Oakland Stake News

By MILDRED M. FONTANA.

Our first middle-aged missionaries have returned! Mary and Owen Stewart of Hayward. They, it seems, were the ones to first break the ice in a real way and start the movement that has now burst into full flow in Oakland stake and taken our patriarch, Eugene Hilton and his wife, Ruth, and Rufus and Winnifred Phelps upon full time mission abroad.

Not the first middle-ages ones to go on missions from the stake yet the Stewarts seem to have gone at a time destined to start a ground swell of missionary spirit that still persists and has been felt in our neighboring stakes lately.

The beloved Stewarts bring such a wonderful spirit with them —the true Christ-like spirit of love for mankind that they inspire all who come under the spell of their voices with a deep impulse for missionary work. Our wards will surely let them find a place for them at their Sacrament meetings. That spirit has come from forbears of this couple.

Lucy White, Mary Stewart's mother, though a widow, so believed in spreading the gospel that she sent three sons and two daughters on missions, one daughter, Thurza Boyle, going on a second mission of nine years in Texas and now another sister and her husband are in California on their second mission.

This family record sums up to over 50 years of missionary work. That does not count time serving as temple guides.

Sister Stewart has been called upon by the stake Relief Society Board as the magazine agent, since she as Relief Society president over nine branches of the Church in Illinois was second in the mission in subscriptions to the Relief Society magazine.

### WESTERN CARNIVAL

The Third Oakland Stake Western Carnival supervised by the High Priests' quorum under the leadership of James Muir, is re-

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## Berk. Stake News

ANNALEONE D. PATTON.

### BERKELEY STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Church has in practice two plans for the operation of Stake Sunday School Boards.

The plan with which we have become familiar provides for a Stake Board representative for each of the Sunday School departments (i.e., Gospel Doctrine, Gospel Message, etc.) This Board member visits his department in each of the nine wards of our stake, for instance, once every nine months. In addition to these visits, there is the monthly Union Meeting where the various departments meet separately for an hour to discuss their problems.

**In the light of Berkeley Stake being rather scattered, we have decided to adopt the newer plan which calls (besides the superintendency) for a Senior Sunday School advisor and a junior Sunday School advisor for each three wards. Each advisor handles the stake problems of all the classes in the Senior (or Junior) classes of these three wards, since most such problems are similar in each class.**

Regular contact is made by visits to the assigned three Sunday Schools (instead of eight or nine), and in a monthly faculty meeting held each month by each Ward Sunday School.

There is no Union meeting. Ward workers are spared this extra travel.

It is felt that this newer plan offers many advantages to our stake: It allows a great deal more contact of ward and stake; it provides more time devoted to each ward; it provides a better acquaintance with ward workers; it allows a more vigorous stake aid program; it eliminates travel to Union meetings of a great number of people.

### RELIEF SOCIETY NEWS

President Vera H. Mayhew, La Vern Rock and others who attended the recent Relief Society and General Conference in Salt Lake City have given stimulating reports on the aims of the Society for the coming year.

**The regular Leadership meet-**

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## Claremont Ward

By VIRGINIA WOOD.

Work on Claremont's new chapel is coming along slowly but surely. Work Director Heber Ellsworth is urging every able man to make an appearance at the lot as often as time will permit. Unless work is speeded up considerably the chapel will not be completed in the short time we had hoped. It is especially important to put forth an extra effort before the rains slow up work. Brother Ellsworth wishes to announce that there is now a greater variety of work to be done. If you don't wish to swing a pick there are other jobs to choose. Come out and do your share of the work on Claremont Chapel.

Members of the bishopric, Brothers Millward and Reiche, were fortunate enough to travel to Salt Lake City for the semi-annual church conference. The inspiration they brought back to Claremont ward made the trip worthwhile, both for themselbes and all of the ward.

Marlton Simons is back at Claremont with his bride, lovely Lorraine Dame of Ogden, Utah. Marlton and Lorraine recited their wedding promises solemnized in rites at the Salt Lake Temple on Monday, October 8. We know Lorraine will be as much of an asset to our ward as is Marlton. Welcome to both.

Claremont wards annual bazaar will be held Wednesday, November 14, not November 9, as previously announced. It will be held in the Berkeley Chapel Recreation hall and everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. There will be plenty of eats, so give the cook a night off and come hungry about 6:00 p.m.

A baby shower was given for Darlene Dangerfield on October 11 at the Gleason home. Among other gifts Darlene was presented with a play pen for the expected arrival. Claremont ladies had a grand time at the party.

Another shower given last month was for our newcomers from Germany, Herta and Kurt Sawatske. It was held at the Blair home and Herta was thrilled with the lovely gifts with which to start off their new life in America. We welcome these two wonderful people with open arms.

Joseph Wood took a well-earned vacation last month. He spent most of it hunting in Colorado and Utah with time out for visiting friends and relatives while there.

The basketball season has begun again and the race is on. Claremont has another outstanding team this year. You may remember that last year Claremont missed going to Salt Lake City by only two games. Claremont members are invited to come out to the games and cheer their team on to victory. There are thrills and excitement in every game. If we cheer hard enough our boys may go to Salt Lake City yet.


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## Clinton Esperson

Clinton H. Esperson, the new bishop in East Richmond, was born in Ephraim, Utah, April 9, 1914; the son of Carl F. and Olive H. Esperson, now living in Midvale, Utah. He spent his early youth in Midvale, attended the Jordan High School, the University of Utah and Brigham Young University. At the conclusion of his studies at the University of Utah he was called to the Netherlands Missions and later served as President of the Gronnigen District. At the conclusion of his mission he spent several months traveling around the world, entering the United States at San Francisco in 1936.

Throughout Elder Esperson's life he has been active in church work, serving in the San Francisco Stake Mutual Presidency and since the war as Sunday School Superintendent in the San Francisco and East Richmond wards. He was one of the Charter Master M Men, earning this award while serving as East Jordan Stake M Men Supervisor.

Following the Pearl Harbor attack he served his country in the Navy stationed at Treasure Island, Pearl Harbor and Saipan.

He married Leola Mima Williams in the Salt Lake Temple in 1942 and they have three children. At the last stake conference his wife received her Golden Gleaner Award and has been active as the Stake Mutual Music Director. Now she is training the Girls' Chorus of East Richmond ward, who will furnish music for the afternoon session of the next Berkeley stake conference.

Bishop Esperson's work is one of the most honored vocations just at present, namely, that of a meat cutter. His trade is that of a butcher and his connection in San Francisco with Frank Crockett (related to Doctor Crockett of Hayward and the Doctors Ream), who runs the popular "Better Way Market," on Polk street.

## E. Richmond Ward

By IRMA BLEDSOE.

OUR BISHOP SPEAKS:

"And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the power of faith; and if ye receive not the spirit ye shall not teach." D. and C. 42:14.

The party for our out-going Bishopric, which was held Friday October 2 was a huge success. The Primary was in charge of the program which consisted of a radio show, "Veracity or You'll Be Sorry," with Robert Barney as master of ceremonies and Woodrow Bledsoe and Wildon Tweedie as assistants. In appreciation for a job well done and our many thanks Bishop Finell and his counselors, Tony Clark and Vernal Horn, were presened with gifts and their wives were presented with orchids, after the program the Sunday School served refreshments. Bishop Finell and family, now living in Walnut Creek and Vernal Horn and family, in Rodeo Branch, will be greatly missed by all.

We are expecting great things from our new Bishop, Clinton Esperson and his counselors, Dick Jackson and Bert Leavitt and we are 100 per cent behind them with our shoulders to the wheel.

A progressive luncheon was held Tuesday, October 30, for the opening social of the Relief Society and was enjoyed by many. Our new president, Thelma Reson, with the help of Della Chester and Nobalene Eccles, are to be congratulated for a very well planned and delicious luncheon. All the sisters are urged to come out and enjoy the discourses on the Book of Mormon given by June Beraz and partake of the other many wonderful things which are being offered for us to enjoy.

We want to welcome as new members to our ward, former Bishop of Richmond ward, Wallace Whiteman, his wife, Alaine and their three little daughters. Wilson Gengler and family; Nedra Lundberg and family; Caseel Berk and family.

When three-year old Dennis Bledsoe started out to play one morning, he was disappointed to find the sunshine blacked out by heavy blanket of fog. Turning to his mother he said, "Mommy, the sun isn't shining, is Jesus sick?"

## Petaluma News

By NOLA BAKER.

Who said beauty is only skin deep? Who ever it was should have been able to witness a fashion show the Petaluma Women's Club produced just recently. Amid a lavish setting of cherubs and sequined back drop 13 lovely models swirled and floated to the strains of organ music. Nine of these were LDS girls. Were they chosen for their outstanding physical beauty? From an entire city why were a majority chosen Mormon girls? Theirs is a beauty that is beaconed high above the crowd for it is a light that glows from within, a lighthouse kept by God. As Dr. Brockband said after the show, "I guess they know where to come for something outstanding."

Our Adult Sunday School class is privileged to have as its teacher just such a woman as I have described. Redheaded Bee Berry needs nothing to highlight her bitally interesting lessons but the fact that she looks like a model certainly does not detract from our enjoyment in Sunday School.

On the 13th of this month our Branch president, Brother Hogan Adair, performed his first marriage, uniting Joyce North and Frank Hurley. (I wonder which one of the three was more nervous?)

Sister Alice Elphick was released as president of the Relief Society for the third time. No one would be the least surprised if some day she were made president of the Petaluma Relief Society for the fourth time, for there was a suspicion of tears in her voice as she explained why she was taking a leave of absence from that position.

Meanwhile it rests in good hands. Sister Ruth Garret has been named as her successor, (the gal's as sweet as they come,) with the very able Eva Warner as one of her counselors.

That's the beauty of being a Mormon, when a person leaves, another steps into the vacancy as neatly as a book upon a press. Each one bears the same message, written by the same Great Author.

## Carquinez Ward

By DELLA K. REINHARDT.

Carquinez ward has sent another missionary into the Mission Field. Brother Thomas B. Last, a Seventy, left for the New England States Mission November 5, 1951.

Brother Last, employed in the building and trades department at Benicia Arsenal; was born in London, England, in 1903, and raised in Logan, Utah. His five brothers and one sister are very active in the Church.

Residing in Alaska for five years, Brother Last served as Branch president of the Adak Branch of the Church in the Aleutian Islands in the Northwestern States Mission for about one year; as a local missionary for six months in Ketchikan, Alaska; and later lived several years in Washington. He came to Vallejo from Alaska the first part of this year and was set apart as a Stake Missionary in the Carquinez ward.

A farewell testimonial was held in honor of Brother Last November 1st.


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BERKELEY FIRST WARD BISHOPRIC—Left to right: George W. Hall, Cornell E. Jarman, bishop; Leland J. Fife. —Ed Pyle Photo

## Berkeley 1st Ward

The ward certainly wishes to thank the retiring bishopric for their highly efficient handling of ward affairs. They have made a marvelously genial and effective trio, and will long be remembered for their encouraging services to everyone in the ward, especially the young people.

At the same time we welcome the in-coming bishopric, Cornell Jarman, George Hall and Leland Jackson Fife. Already highly respected and energetic workers in various positions, we shall enjoy their leadership to the full. Bishop Jarman has had prior experience as a bishop in southern California, and as a counselor to Bishop Denzel Allen. And no finer men exist than Eldeers Fife and Hall, it is felt.

Aleda Ericksen (Mrs. A. D.), was called to Logan to the funeral of her father, Olaf Nelson, 84, a famous builder of hundreds of homes, public structures, and highways throughout the Intermountain West, including remodeling the Logan temple and tabernacle and building the Budge hospital and the Logan cityd am, and many UAC structures. Of late years he had specialized in highway construction and airport runways. He had served as president of the Logan Rotary, and as one of the trustees of the UAC. Surviving him are three sons, four daughters, 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Word from Russell and Hazel Ball now, for a year, living at Oak Ridge, tells that they have a local branch of the church and hold SS and sacrament meetings, and also have many fine social contacts. Recently he was called upon to review Tom Ferguson's new book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon."

Reverence is a quality that opens the door to worship. What reverence shows in the house of the Lord is taken as a symbol of worship felt inwardly. Strangers express shock when they come to some of our services and see so much evident irreverence and frivolity of conversation and whispering during the sacred exercises. One of our local missionaries even said it is easier to convert people to the doctrines of the church than to convert them to our chapel services for the reasons mentioned above.

The Special Interest class in MIA is worth everyone's attendance. The study of the "Life of Christ" by Talmage is supplemented every once in awhile with an outside authority speaking on some topic of the day. Let's get behind Margaret Owens and make this class twice as large as ever.

Members of the ward Theta Chi enjoyed a progressive dinner Saturday evening, Oct. 20. The first course, salad, as the home of Wes Odell; the Reed Chase home for the main course, and dessert at the home of the Theta Chi sponsors, Bro. and Sister Ashley. To wind up the enjoyable evening, the group gathered at the Eyring home for games and to watch television.

We are all so thankful that Ines Andersen is recovering from her injuries suffered in the automobile accident in which she and Ariel and little Howard were involved while enroute to Utah last week end.

If parents of small children in our ward haven't taken the opportunity to visit our Junior Sunday school, they could well do so. The wonderful spirit and interest of all the teachers an dofficers should make us all thankful that we belong to a church where our children are getting this association and training.

Sister Marjorie Pyle tells and illustrates stories on the large flannel-board; teachers and some of the mothers help with fingerplay work. During the prayer meeting, prior to the opening of the Junior Sunday school, Sister Kunkel tells stories to the children in one of the class rooms. Charles Rose is the Junior Sunday school pianist, with Gayle Anderson assisting. Sister Mary Nielson and Sister Thelma Merrill help in leading the singing.

Dec. 4 has been chosen for the ward Relef Society rummage sale. The place has not been announced, but please start collecting and bringing your rummage to the church; or contact some member of the Relief Society and they will arrange to collect anything you may wish to contribute. Anything saleable will be appreciated.

Reed Tolman in Bountiful, Utah, is proud daddy of a delightful baby boy, we hear, thru the fond grandparents, the Nathan Tolmans.

Sister Edna Matilda Debenham of Salt Lake City passed away Oct. 6, 1951, at the home of her son, Weston J. Debenham, while visiting there. Arrangements here and shipment back to Salt Lake City for burial in the family plot were taken care of by Brother M. Dee Smith of the Robinson Brothers Mortuary.


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# Ward Reunion Party, Berkeley First Ward, To Honor Retiring Bishopric

On Thursday, November 15, in the Berkeley chapel will occur the one big ward family gathering of old and young of the year. A high-talented program, delicious refreshments and presentation ceremonies—all will focus on one theme for the evening, honoring the retiring ward bishopric, LeRoi B. Gardner, Dilworth Jensen and Paul B. Braby, for most faithful and able leadership for the past three years.

Beginning at 7:30 in the chapel proper the evening's festivities will feature lovely organ and piano music, choice instrumental and voice selections and other appropriate numbers which will climax in the presentation ceremonies and responses from the retiring trio and words of appreciation by the incoming bishopric, and the stake presidency.

At the conclusion of the formal program the audience will fill the recreation hall where refreshments and informal visiting and personal greetings to the former ward leaders will be in order for as long as each person desires.

It is predicted that this appealing WARD REUNION will draw the largest attendance of the season, an occasion when everyone will be able to see and greet everyone else. Fraternization and appreciation will be the over-arching themes.

## More Interesting Stories About the Early Mormons In Alameda County

By ANNALEONE D. PATTON.

The Mormons from the Good Ship Brooklyn and Mormon Battalion who were first settlers in Southern Alameda county, 1847 and 1848, have left some interesting history.

Brother John Conrad Naile (English spelling Neagle), built a "beautiful" adobe in Niles canyon about 1849. Here's the story:

Brother Naile of Co. A Mormon Batallion, reenlisted when "mustered out" at San Diego, a big Dutch boy (German) six foot two inches tall, weighing 218 pounds.

When the Mormons finally had gathered at their rendezvous in Hope Valley, Amador county for the journey to Zion (Utah), Bro. Naile needed shoes. Finding none big enough at stores in and around the mines, came to Yerba Buena (San Francisco) to get the much-needed foot gear.

However, Brother Naile met them up and told them they didn't "across the bay" and that changed his mind and his future life. The Horners, Goodwins, Mowrys, Marshalls and others were happily settled in what was destined to become Alameda county. Bro. Naile bought 250 acres near what is now Niles and in the Naile "adobe" the Mormon colony held church services even before John Horner built his now famous combination church-and-school in '50. This early LDS colony later was led astray and joined the Reorganized church and some of the descendants are rather scornful of the "Utah Mormons" today!

Mrs. Edna Overaker (who now owns the land where the Naile adobe stood), tells us that certain little shrubs, or trees, persistently came up year after year, notwithstanding the fact that each year they are plowed under. No place else do these trees grow, as far as known. The adobe was built in a canyon that had once been the main channel before the creek changed its course.

## Convert to the Church, Gifted in Art, Awarded Winner In County Fair, Offers Exhibits for Bazaars; Solicits Personal Orders By Correspondence

Mrs. Charles F. Renfro, mother of five, but whose husband can work only part time, writes to the Messenger of her gift for art work in crochetting and needlepoint, and in painting miniatures, especially covered buttons:

"I would like to know if there are any saints in the Bay Area who would let me send some of my work with the idea of holding an exhibit if they found my work good enough. I completed two miniatures of the Salt Lake Temple last night for our Relief Society Bazarr on 1¼ -inch buttons. I also do larger paintings.

"I have entered my work at the San Francisco Museum and the De Young Museum (in Golden Gate Park) competitions off and on for the last ten years. I have been blessed with ability to do fancy work and art work. For the second time I have received the "Best of the Fair" award for crochetting in our 12th District Fair.

"I have always made my own designs and this year I won the 'Women's Day Original Design,' award.

"I sincerely hope that I will hear from some one concerning this matter sometime in the near future."

It is interesting to note that this convert to the Church also testifies to the power of the priesthood in her healings. She says, "I have had blessings from prayer and the administrations of the Priesthood that have astounded two doctors and everyone that hears of them. Due to necessary surgery it was thought that I would never have more children than the two that I had at the time. But I am the mother of five in the last five years. Our doctor calls them the 'miracle children'."

For the benefit of those who may be willing to respond to this call we append the sister's address: Route 1, Box 107-B, Redwood Valley, California.

## Sacramento Stake Missionaries Open LDS Booth At Calif. State Fair

"For the second consecutive time the Sacramento stake missionaries presented, thru the medium of an educational booth, a panorama of Mormonism to many thousands at the California State Fair.

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## Oakland Ward News

By LOUANNE WRIGHT.

The news this month is really something to read!

The Relief Society had its opening social on the 9th of October. It was a very nice event with luncheon and a musical program. We certainly hope that a large crowd will attend Relief Society this year.

The Mutual put on its "Festival of Tidings" the first Tuesday of the month. Its script by Phyliss Warnick was acted by the Mutual classes of the ward It was very well done; had a definite message. Several talks afterward were also very well done. Speakers were Mike Warnicke, Barbara Hart and Kent Johnson.

—Our basketball team really downed the Dimond ward last Thursday night on the court! The score was overwhelming. What a team this year! I hope they will have a great rooting section.

We hate to lose some of our families. Del and Donna Carter are moving to San Leandro ward; Dan and Sarah Ferstan are leaving for Hay ward; Ernie and Bernie Adams are moving right out of the stake to Walnut Creek. Hope they won't forget their friends in good old Oakland ward.

**Bud Call was the speaker to the Fireside on the 14th. Bud has just returned from a mission to the Netherlands and had some very interesting slides and pictures to show to us.**

Congratulations to Erni and Margart Evans .They are the proud parents of a new son. Hope we get to see him soon; don't keeb him under cover too lang.

Several people of the ward attended Conference: Bishop and Phyl Warnick, John and Theo Hughes, Brother and Sister Uffins and several others.

Oakland certainly did their share at the stake carnival on the 13th; took in a good share of the profit by selling the cold drinks. The carnival gets better every year.

Bob Nelson, one of the young men of the ward, has been drafted. Our deepest sympathies go to Bob and his family.

## Berkeley Stake Calendar

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**NOVEMBER**

Wed., 7—Stake family night, Berkeley chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., 10—Quarterly conference; welfare and priesthood meetings
Sun., 11—General sessions beginning at 10 a.m.; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
(Stake fireside following the 7:30 p.m. session)
Fri., 16—Stake Junior Gleaners' party, "A Date with Dad," 7:30 p.m.
(LDS Institute, 2368 LeConte Ave., Berkeley)
Sat., 17—Stake priesthood and leadership meeting, 7:30 p.m.
(Berkeley chapel)
Mon., 19—MIA stake leadership meeting, Berkeley chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., 23—Annual harvest ball with Oakland stake, 9:00 p.m.
(Scottish Rite auditorium, Oakland)
Sat., 24—High priests' quorum meeting, 7:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER**

Sat., 1—Stake dance, details to be announced
Wed., 5—Stake family night, Berkeley chapel, 7:30 p.m.

## Berkeley Basketball

The Berkeley Stake M Men started the first half of the 1951-52 basketball season on October 29, with Berkeley First, Berkeley Second and Claremont wards victorious on the first night of play.

All the games will be played at the Harry Ells Junior High School just south of McDonald avenue, on 35th street, in Richmond, on Monday nights, beginning at 7 o'clock. There is plenty of spectator room; all are invited, the more the merrier.

**November 12**
7:00 Berkeley 1 vs. Berkeley 2.
8:00 Claremont vs. Pittsburg.
9:00 Berkeley Jr. M Men vs. W. C. Bye, Richmond.

**November 19**
7:00 Berk. Jr. M Men vs. Clar'mt.
8:00 Berkeley 2 vs. Pittsburg.
9:00 Berkeley I vs. Richmond Bye, Walnut Creek.

**November 26**
7:00 Claremont vs. Richmond.
8:00 Berk. Jr. M Men vs. Pittsb'g.
9:00 Berk. 1 vs. Crk. Bye, Berk. 2.

**December 3**
7:00 Berk. Jr. M Men vs. Richm'd.
8:00 Pittsburg vs. Walnut Creek.
9:00 Berkeley II vs. Claremont Bye Berkeley I

**December 10**
7:00 Berk. Jr. M Men vs. Berk. 2.
8:00 Berkeley 1 vs. Claremont.
9:00 Richmond vs. Walnut Creek Bye, Pittsburg.


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## Elder Jas. Richardson Changes to Argentina

Surprise! Elder James Richardson, who left the Berkeley stake for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, to be set apart for the Northern California Mission has had his assignment changed to Argentina.

The family rented their home in Rodeo Branch to Phil Lewis and are moving to live near her parents in Salt Lake County at 3919 South 3600 West, Salt Lake City 15. It is really in Granger, but the address is as above.

When the Authorities came to know that Elder Richardson has an acquaintance with Spanish thru three years of study and a gift for languages and to know of his excellent voice, they changed the call to the great South American nation of Argentina. The family left for Salt Lake October 28, and James will leave Salt Lake City for New York November 12.

We learn that the advice of the Authorities is that anyone desiring to send money to an elder in any foreign country should never send currency in letters, but rather an American Express Money order. Money enclosed as currency always fails to arrive with the letter.

● The Tabernacle has now a "Quiet Room" primarily for the care of small children during the Tabernacle Choir broadcasts. A nursery is also provided in the northwest corner of the Assembly Hall.

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## Late News From San Joaquin Stake

By W. AIRD MACDONALD.

The founder of The Messenger, W. Aird Macdonald, former and original Oakland stake president, now of San Joaquin stake high council, sends the Messenger readers greetings and says "all is well" with him and "Nell." They attend the General Conference in Salt Lake in October. Recently they were guests at San Mateo at the High Priests' Fireside.

Ione Branch has been reorganized, with Alma Lyman as president.

Of interest to Oakland and Berkeley area was the recent reorganization of the Oakdale ward. Oakland's old friend, Garney Johnson was released and another "Johnson" put in his place. This new bishop, Halvor Johnson is the brother to J. Edward Johnson of Berkeley, former counselor to W. Aird Macdonald in the first Oakland stake presidency.

Ernest Landward, formerly prominent in San Francisco stake affairs, now of Stockton and a counselor in the stake presidency, was the feature speaker at the MIA session of the recent stake conference.

Tracy ward has a new bishopric consisting of Charles R. Dana, Robert Kenner and Jesse Barrow, with J. William Dickerson, clerk. Two weeks after the reorganization ground was broken for the new chapel and the site dedicated by Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of Twelve.

The new High Priest presidency consists of Fred W. Stone, Louis M. Ward and Dr. C. E. Bramwell, with John A. Rooker retained as secretary.

October 20-21 at the San Joaquin stake conference held at Stockton the chapel was crowded to hear the addresses including those of Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Twelve and of Carl Behner of the Church Welfare Committee.

The new San Joaquin patriarch, ordained at the conference, is James M. Thomas of Ione.

One of the speakers of the conference was Albert B. Crandall, now manager of the new great 2300-acre Church-owned farm near Sacramento. He was formerly a member of the San Joaquin stake presidency and is a younger brother of Leo Crandall, formerly bishop and now member of Alameda ward.

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## Oak. Stake News

ported as a complete success in every way. Approximately $3300 was accumulated for the stake Welfare budget. Each year this affair gets better and better

I. Ray Darton, H P., counselor to James Muir, is in Chicago for a ten-day period attending the Gardners' Union of the bay area. Elder Darton supervises the large nurseries maintained by the Oakland school system.

### FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES

The full-time missionaries of this region, called the Golden Gate District, under the direction of Elder Cutler, were feted to a tasty and filling luncheon by the Relief Society of Alameda ward, under the direction of the new president, Rae Stamps.

This is the third such affair for this Relief Society and it was tiptop in every manner, and enjoyed by the elders. Elder Cutler is released and was met here by his parents and a sister. His successor is Elder Richens of Hennifer, Utah.

### RELIEF SOCIETY

The president of the stake Relief Society has achieved the desire of heart so far as having a majority of her board attend the General Relief Society Conference in Salt Lake City and stay for the General Church Conference that followed.

President Della Swensen had with her Counselor Lucile Williams; secretary, Hazel Allen; organist, Teresa Simms; and theology and social science leaders, Amelia Everett and Mildred Fontano. Mary Stewart, now magazine agent, was there also.

### DUP COUNTY CAMP

The Alameda county camp of the DUP held their monthly meeting at the lovely home of Daughter Lila Graham. The captains of the seven local camps were invited to hear a report of the great DUP convention recently held in Salt Lake City. At that convention the vice president of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, Nicholas G. Morgan, presented to the DUP the original diary of Eliza R. Snow, covering the period of the exodus from Nauvoo to Utah.

Included in the presentation was her autograph album, full of the autographs of the great of her day, as, John Greenleaf Whittier, Abraham Lincoln, Henry Longfellow and Julia Ward Howe and Mark Twain. These precious books belonged to LeRoi C. Snow, son of President Lorenzo Snow. They will repose in a special case in the new DUP building in Salt Lake City.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE

Attending the General Conference were others of the stake, including Presidents Wright and Shaw, Herbert and Anita Van Noy, Elsie Lyons and Leonard Lyons; Sister Herbert Marsh, six members of the Relief Society board already mentioned; Bernard Stewart and parents; the returning missionaries, Owen and Mary Stewart; Bishops Arnold Bangerter, Curtis Bybee, Elmo Smith, Paul Warnick. Also Bro and Sis. Perry G. Earl, Bro. and Sis. Schueler.

Sister Martha Fitzpatrick of St. George, a former Oaklander, sent love and greetings to friends.

Elder Barlow Call, son of Cloe and Ira Call, has just returned from the Dutch mission. Glad you are with us again dear "Bud."

### GENEALOGY

The Oakland Stake Genealogical class meets every Thursday in Elmhurst chapel at 8 p.m. The course consists of ten lessons, five of which have been given.

An invitation is extended to all Saints in the bay area to attend the remaining valuable classes. Each evening a different speaker talks on his or her phase of genealogical endeavor.

● FULL M. I. A. programs now are in vogue in Argentina for the first time. Lessons, manuals, etc., have been translated so that songs, games, plays and activities of every kind are being enjoyed in several Branches of the Church.

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## *Centerville S. S.*

By BESSIE PURDY.

Superintendent Clyde and Marie Lindsay have had a short vacation at Ukiah and San Francisco. They also went to Hamilton Field to see the new building project there. Everybody is happy to welcome Marie at Sunday School again. During her absence, Artie Green has taken both Kindergarten and Primary groups. Last month these groups gave the 2½ minute talks; even a three-year old participated. They showed careful training. The little folks have also had their turn giving the Sacrament gem. We think it is a splendid opportunity that each class takes a turn.

The last two faculty meetings have been at the Tommy Pugmire's and the Ray Truscutt's. The latter meeting was in the nature of a housewarming and each member's partner was invited. In the future, the meetings will be held monthly. The next one will be at the Lindsay home.

Ray Truscutt is having a two-weeks' vacation; he and Cecile are enjoying it at home.

Francis and Rose Winkel are on a two weeks' vacation in Utah.

Marie Eaton was back on Sunday. She substituted as chorister. We are glad she is feeling better.

Dr. Robertson has been home ill for a week. It is a pleasure to have him back again Laverne has been at Lodi the past few days. Her sister, Mrs. Harold Child, has been ill with the "flu."

Brother Nelson, one of the counselors in the San Leandro Sunday School, was a welcome visitors at Sunday School. He extended an invitation for us to visit their S. S. and Sacrament meetings.

Olive Pugmire has as her guests her mother, Mrs. Alsop, and her sister, Hazel Smith. Both are from Utah; we were happy to have them at Sunday School.

Marjory Silver has had her niece from San rancisco visiting for a short time.

A Hallowe'en bonfire party for the First and Second Intermediate groups and their parents will be held at the Linders. A jolly evening is planned.

## Perry Earl Visits Parents.

The aged parents of Perry G. Earl of Maxwell Park ward, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in Ogden, Utah, October 17, 1951, according to an illustrated double-column article in the Ogden Standard of that date.

A great 20 by 30 inch cake was presented to them for the occasion when the family gathered to do them honor. Perry and his wife were present and bring back a clipping from the "Standard."

● L. A. CO. Daughters of Utah Pioneers now has 26 active camps in the county.

## *Richmond Ward*

At Richmond there has been many changes in the various auxiliaries of the ward. Reorganization of the MIA and Sunday School followed the reorganization of the Bishopric.

Sustained to lead the YMMIA was Peter Gengler; activity counselor is Lyle Schofield; the manual counselor has not yet been sustained. Marie Hern is to act as president of the YMMIA, ably assisted by Elva Chantrill, manual counselor and Jean Passey, activity counselor. The MIA, under such capable leadershp, shall surely have a successful year. Already several activity programs have been enjoyed by all.

James Ingersoll will superintend the Sunday School. Gordon Harrison is his first counselor; the second counselor has not been selected. At the present time the Sunday School leaders are busy re-staffing many of the classes. A meeting is to be held at Brother Ingersoll's home which will include all of the Sunday School workers.

Fireside meetings are held regularly at the various members' homes. Delores Mansfield is president; the vice president's duties are the responsibility of Billie Carmen; Donna Teeples is acting as secretary.

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## S. F. Stake News

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the Balboa Sunday School attended general and Sunday School Conferences and represented the stake at several meetings.

President Nell Marie Benson of the Stake Primary, announces another member of her board, Marie Davis Russell in charge of teacher training. Sister Russell has been head of teacher training at the Stewart Normal School at the University of Utah.

All of the wards of the stake are holding Hallowe'en parties on October 31, with costumes, games and good refreshments.

Following out their policy of holding Union meetings in the various wards, the Stake Primary will hold their November 5th meeting in San Francisco ward.

Early in the fall the Relief Society presidency entertained the ward presidents at a luncheon and meeting at the lovely home of Jessie Martin, very close to the top of Mount Davidson. Jessie and her husband, Dr. John Martin, spent an extended vacation in Utah late in the summer.

The YMMIA Stake Board is finally organized with the following officers Leo Jensen, superintendent; Kenneth Skousen, age group council; Jack Jensen, Activity council; Ramon Wilcox, secretary; Bill Nibley, M Men superintendent; Lorin Richards, Jr., M Men superintendent; Charles G Chester, Explorer commissioner; Merle Morris, Scout commissioner; I. Y. Bigelow, Scout commissioner, 11-year olds; Virgil Cook, athletic director; Seymour Steed, music; Julian Griffin, unassigned as yet; Gale Hammond, speech director; Carl Anderson, folk dance director.

Two members have been added to the Young Women's Board: Rose Marie Mulkern, who will work in the drama department, and Carol Baird, who will assist the presidency.

The Opera Ball, put on by the San Francisco ward for the entire stake, was considered by everyone who attended to be the very finest party for the young people given in a long, long time.

**October 22 the Stake folk dancing parties got off to a fine start. Held every Monday (excepting the third one of the month) the entire stake is invited to attend.**

A newcomer to the stake is Winifred Wilkinson. Formerly of Idaho Falls, Sister Wilkinson has taught at the BYU the past three years. At present she is a nutritionist at the Mount Zion Hospital.

....On November the 10 the 222 Quorum of Seventy are putting on one of their wonderful "family parties." Carrying out the Samoan theme, chicken and rice will be served, prepared Samoan style. Chef Eddie Te'o and his sons will entertain with Samoan dances during the program, planned to satisfy every member of the family, the 70's party should be a very fine one.

Early in the fall the Balboa Ward High Priests, under the leadership of Brother George Phippen, entertained the High Priests of the stake at a party held in the Stake House. Several musical numbers were given and Martin Nalder, lately returned from his mission to Great Britain and a subsequent trip to Continental Europe, showed interesting slides of his trip. Pie a la mode was served later.

The Miles Burgess family (he a stake high councilman), has bought a home in Greenbrae, Marin county. The new home is quite near to the San Rafael ward which is being built at present, and the Burgesses will occupy the house in the next few weeks.

## Elder Romney Spoke At Oak. Conference

(Continued from page 1)

ported on progress of the Lord's work in Oakland stake and commended and praised all the people who have helped on the Welfare Farm and at the cannery and with the Welfare carnival.

President Wright reported that 33 full-time missionaries, most of them in foreign fields, are serving from Oapland stake.

He read a note from Brother Eugene and Sister Ruth Hilton about their mission in Scotland.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Glenn C. Shaw, second counselor to President Wright, was first speaker in the afternoon mission. He testified that we are able to accomplish things we could not accomplish in and of ourselves if it were not for faith in the power of our Father in Heaven.

Missionary reports were presented by Brother and Sister Owen L. and Mary Stewart of Hayward ward, who have returned from the Northern States Mission; and from I. B. Call, of Dimond ward, who has returned from a mission to Holland.

Hilton Robertson, who was president of the Chinese mission, said "your neighbors need to hear about the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"We have" he declared, "that which will save the world. Are we willing to take it to the world?"

Do you trust the Lord? You are the salt of the earth you can go out and flavor this whole community."

Other speakers included Elder Cutler, released district president in the Northern California mission and W. T. Webb o fthe High Council.

R. Lee Kenner, director of the LDS Institute near the UC campus, was the speaker at the MIA Conference Sunday evening. The MIA chorus furnished beautiful music.

Speaking of modern day challenges, he asked, "How many of us go around trying to please the world and still trying to be LDS? There is no middle ground," he concluded. "Put on the whole armor of God."

Sister Catherine Norberg, wife of first president Agnes H. Norberg of the Oakland Stake Presidency, read a message from Bro. Norberg who had to miss conference because of his illness. He wrote how much he will miss the sessions and he sent his blessings on the congregation and testified that the Father had sent His Son to redeem us.

## Berk. Stake News

**ing of the Relief Society will be held the first Friday in each month. Please mark the date on your calendar.**

A luncheon was held recently at the home of Vera Mayhew honoring the retiring officers of the Stake Relief Society Board, who have served efficiently and faithfully: Iris Creer, secretary; LaVon Johnson, theology class leader; and Sarah Banning, literary class leader. These sisters were presented with books in token of appreciation of their fine work.

November 4, the Sunday evening services in all wards were conducted by the Ward Relief Societies. The ward conferences of the Relief Societies will be held at Berkeley Second ward, November 21, Martinez, November 4, Richmond, November 24, East Richmond, November 24.

**Stake Relief Society officers attended the recent Regional Welfare meetings held at Oakland chapel, October 21. Our new apostle, Marion G. Romney stressed the importance of the fast offerings and its benefits to the individual; also the importance of the family evening.**

**SAN FRANCISCO DIRECTORY**

Congratulations to San Francisco stake on their new stake directory.

**STAKE PRIMARY**

**Hobos' Convention.** The stake Trailbuilders and their dads were the distinguished guests at a "hobo convention" sponsored by the Berkeley Stake Primary Board Saturday, October 27. Baked beans were served in tin cans as part of the refreshments and the hobo theme was followed in all the games. Cliff Boyack, as a very charming king of hobos, was the master of ceremonies.

**The "Children's Friend."** The Primary's annual drive is on for "Children's Friend' 'subscriptions. Every LDS family with children of Primary age should have this interesting and helpful magazine. The members of the editorial board are experts in providing fascinating and wholesome stories and features. Get in touch with your ward Primary secretary or president. Subscriptions would be very good Christmas gifts for children.

**Union Meeting.** The regular union meeting for Primary workers will be held November 16 at 1:15 p.m., in Berkeley ward. Besides regular class work there will be a demonstration of the Christmas programs. Ward Primaries bring gifts to this meeting to be sent to the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake for Christmas.

## *San Francisco Stake Social Calender*

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Nov. 9—Turkey dinner at San Rafael ward. A building fund affair, just 250 tickets are being sold. To be held in meeting place at 5th and H. Streets, San Rafael.

Nov. 12—Folk dancing at the stake house. Beginners at 7:30, others at 8 p.m. Conducted by Carl and Louise Anderson. All are welcome.

Nov. 17—A Thanksgiving party for the teen agers. Previous ones have been very successful; all young people are invited to attend. Stake house, 22nd Ave., and Lawton St., S. F.

Nov. 21—Thanksgiving dance for the entire stake, given by Sunset ward in the stake house.

Nov. 26—Folk dancing at stake house.

Nov. 30—Stake Jr. Gleaner party, in stake house.

Dec. 3—Folk dancing at stake house.

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## San Leandro Ward

(Omitted by error in October issue. Sorry!)

YIPPEE—It was roundup time this month for the MIA when cowhands from far and near were corralled for an evening of musical entertainment by Mal Duke and his "ryhthm boys of the range," including Arva da Miller, well known radio and telephone star.

It was a splendid beginning for a well-planned Mutual season.

The Relief Society organization has also gotten underway. Their opening social was held Monday, September 24. It too was a delightful evening. The ladies embroidered quilt blocks to occupy their fingers, while Sister Fern Nelson, now of the Maxwell Park ward, presented an interesting book review.

May we extend the best of good wishes to Donna Kirvan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kirvan and Allan J. Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan T. Davidson, who this past month announced their engagement. Presently Allan is serving with the navy at Treasure Island.

And incidentally, in last month's Messenger, your reporter announced the engagement of Marylin Nelson and Frank Davis. However, I was soon straightened out on that statement by the young couple (and as promptly forgiven), for you see, the bride-to-be is Joyce Nelson. Joyce and Frank plan to be married this coming December.

It is congratulations also to Merle and Fern Etherton on the birth of a lovely baby boy. Friends of Fern's will be glad to know she is getting along fine.

The Oakland Stake Baseball champions are definitely out of training for the season. That was evidenced at a recent buffet supper planned in way of celebration at the home of Donna and Bill Nelson. San Leandro is proud of their baseball team.

**OCTOBER NEWS**

During October activity ran high in the San Leandro ward. All organizations seem to be noticeably increasing in attendance. Our Mutual especially is attracting more and more people of all ages, thanks to the "live-wires" in charge. They are doing a fine job and incidentally, have recently added Bro. Hal Hansen to their presidency in the capacity of second counselor in the Young Men's Mutual.

Several of our warm members were privileged to attend the General Conference in Salt Lake this past month—William C. Clements and family, Theresa Sims, Katherine Marsh, Bishop Jackson and wife. It is an inspiring experience. If you have not had an opporunity to attend General Conference, why not make it a future project and plan toward that end. It will prove a most worthwhile vacation.

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## Donna Marie Porter

Sister Porter left San Francisco ward Nov. 5 for her voluntary service in the British Mission.

## S. F. Ward News

By MRS. C. E. WRIGHT

Gala is the word for our Mutual opera ball Oct. 19. The decorations and programs were truly a work of art. The large attendance, happy faces and beautiful gowns of those present were a sight for sore eyes.

Donna Porter's farewell testimonial was well attended Sunday evening, Oct. 21. She requested the following as participants on the program:

Patricia King, opening prayer; Lou Lamoreaux, vocal solo; Kathleen King, talk; Jean Lowe, scriptural reading; choir, two numbers; remarks by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Porter of Boise, Ida., and closing prayer by Marion Kramptiz.

President and Sister Barton and President Lauper were in attendance; Pres. Barton also spoke. Refreshments were served in the recreational hall after the testimonial. Donna reported in the Mission Home Nov. 5; she will serve in the British Mission. We express appreciation to David Rogers for recording the program.

The Relief Society presidency recently visited the Letterman hospital to make glad the heart of Marion Brown of Tucson, Ariz. They surprised her with a large birthday cake. I understand Wallace Bennett was somewhat of a patient there also, giving his life's blood (one pint). Seems he was rewarded with a good sized piece of cake, proving that "one good turn deserves another."

And speaking of rewards . . . Wally recently has been given to "have and to hold" none other than beautiful Theda Call. Their marriage took place in the Salt Lake temple, Oct. 19. Congratulations to both! Wallace has his orders for overseas duty.

Marlene Gildea became Mrs. Haywood Z. Palmer, Oct. 20, at Reno, Nevada.

Lillian Dailey replaces Beatrice Neilson as second counselor to Hilma Glew in the Primary.

Alice Nelms was made secretary and Phyllis Cook the teacher of Zion's girls.

Richard Lambert will succeed Jack Laycock as Junior M Men instructor in the MIA. Joseph Burdette was sustained as Era director.

The deacons' quorum was reorganized Oct. 21. Bruce Gildea was made president, with Baily Neff and James Medley first and second counselors, respectively.

David W. Crawford, son of Gladys and David, Sr., was married in Ogden, July 14, to Miss Margaret Farrell. They will make their home there.

John Y. Smith is recovering from a serious illness.

Arlene Glew has recovered from a recent operation and Hilma Glew is much improved.

Ann Mellium spent an enjoyable vacation at Lake Tahoe. Her son, Richard, is attending school at San Jose State.

Alvenia Okey and her two daughters spent a month in Utah, visiting at the home of her son. While there she experienced her first airplane ride. She also did temple work in the Salt Lake temple.

Peter David and Sarah E. Peterson have reclaimed membership in our ward after being absent more than a year. They have been living in the East Bay.

Those who attended general conference included: Bishop Nalder, the Charles E. Wrights, Albert Prices, David Rogers and Joseph Hansen.

Elder Howard Ruff was released Oct. 22 from his mission in the Eastern States. We expect him home soon.

● A jovial band of 51 San Francisco Rotarians invaded Salt Lake City October 9, on a one-day visit to cement good relations between the two cities. The trip both ways was by plane.

## Napa Ward News

NAOMI O. CANDLAND.

Over 35 young people from the Napa ward enjoyed hearing Bishop LeGrande Richards at the Santa Rosa stake youth party.

The Napa ward members enjoyed having Stake Conference at Napa, and the opportunity of hearing Bishop Richards and the many other fine speakers, and also of renewing friendships of the many members of the various other wards who attended.

The opening Relief Society Social was held and had a large attendance of members. A gift for the outgoing presidency was presented during the course of the evening.

The Relief Society members are now busily making plans for their annual Relief Society Bazaar to be held Saturday, November 17.

Fireside is being held each Sunday evening after Sacrament meeting, Elder Mason is conducting a discussion on the Book of Mormon.

Napa ward held its Harvest Frolic October 6. A large froup of young people from Napa and Vallejo were in attendance.

The Annual Scout-O-Rama is being held November 10. Let's all support Troop No. 25.

Jack and Stella Johnsen returned recently from a trip to Salt Lake City and the east where they purchased a new car.

Salt Lake City Conference visitors from here were: President and Mrs. John Murdock; President Bryant Knowlton; Bishop and Mrs. Allan Woolley, Rex Candland, George Bruerton and Mrs. Bruerton; Erastus Wheeler Mrs. Betty Daniel and Reed Keller who also got to visit with his son Bob who is residing in Salt Lake at the present time.

There have been a number of new families move into the ward recently: Thos. C. Auger and family from Hawaii; Joe Bradbery and family from Salt Lake City, William Chambers and family, Emmett J. Ellis and family from Vallejo, Ray Newman and family from El Cerrito.

We believe there is strength in number, so we are very happy to have them with us in the Napa ward.

## Alameda Ward

By GALEEN CLAYSON

Sisters Fontana and Everett and Bishop Bangerter attended general conference in Salt Lake City and gave interesting reports at our sacrament meeting the Sunday following thir return.

Our deepest sympathy to Floyd Severson at the recent passing of his father, Levi Severson, a high priest, and member of our ward. The family traveled to Idaho Falls for the funeral services and burial.

Alameda has a real basketball team this year. If you want to see some excellent games watch the bulletin board for the schdule and attend every Thursday night at the Elmhurst Junior high school gym.

Hazel Bangerter is in Salt Lake City with her daughter, Loah, awaiting the arrival of the tenth grandchild.

A baby girl was born to Kay and Willis Turner Oct. 9.

A great MIA dramatic production under the direction of Cecil Jergenson will be presented during the latter part of November. Keep your ears and eyes open for further details regarding "The Tinker."

The music committee of Alameda is presenting a grand variety show Wed., Nov. 14 and Fri., Nov. 16, with really unique and excellent talent. You'll long remember the variety show; it's the show of shows, designed for the family, designed for you. Remember the date and place. The price is up to you.

## San Rafael Ward

By the WESTON L. ROES

The San Rafael ward Sunday school has been reorganized with Clair Wilcox as our new superintendent and William Sleeper and Robert Kone as counselors. Jocelyn Harris repaces Joyce Keller as secretary.

A pot luck dinner was enjoyed by a large crowd on Wednesday evening, Oct. 10. The Relief Society sponsored the dinner as a building fund event. The Relief Society members are also working on the bazaar for Nov. 23, when many lovely articles will go on sale.

Lawrence and Bobbie Reynolds and Earl and Emily Trottier attended a dance at the San Francisco ward recreation hall Friday evening. They report a wonderful time and were especially enthusiastic about the decorations.

The Boy Scouts under the direction of Leaders Percy Poulsen, Clair Wilcox and David Eddards, camped at the chapel building site in Greenbrae on Friday evening and the following day worked on building the chapel. A large force of men was present on Saturday, including Bishop Allred and some of his members from Mission ward in San Francisco. A hot lunch at noon was furnished by the Relief Society.

## Elmhurst Ward News

By JANETH EVANS

This November we have much to be thankful for even as the first Pilgrim Fathers. Yes, we may be thankful for our families, our country, our religion and our freedom in this great land won by our forefathers with their lives. His blessings will ever rest upon us if we are worthy.

Brother and Sister DeVries have moved, but it is reported will remain in Elmhurst; and she still in the Relief Society.

Your ward reporter was set apart last month to be a teacher in the Sunday school.

Sister Jensen is the new librarian for the Sunday school; she is a hard worker and will build a helpful library.

Brother Bates is working on cards for the enlistment program to contact those who do not attend church meetings regularly.

Bring your buckets, scrub brushes, etc., for a chapel clean-up Nov. 10.

On Nov. 16 a ward dinner will be spread at Elmhurst for all its members. Everyone is invited. Nov. 18 brings a ward conference to Elmhurst.

Teacher training officially started at 10:30 a.m., Oct. 28. All organizations' teachers are invited to attend these meetings during the Sunday school opening exercises.

Oct. 4 the ward canned pears at the welfare center; 744 cans were prepared for sale at the stake bazaar.

Barbara Bates is attending the East Contra Costa County college at Martinez.

Seminary for the high school students from San Leandro, Fremont and Castlemont is being held at the Elmhurst chapel, Mondays thru Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m. All high school students who desire to learn more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to attend.

Don't forget the ward bazaar on Dec. 14. There will be fun for every body, and many things offered for sale that will make wonderful gifts. There'll also be games and food.

The Relief Society has a selection of Christmas cards and all occasion cards. See the display each Sunday morning in the Relief Society room.

## Maxwell Park Ward

By NORMA WILLIAMS

Remember Nov. 16, the night of our ward bazaar. The Sunday school will serve a delicious dinner. Plan to come early and eat at church; there will be a special children's plate for half price. You'll find many games to play, a variety of food, clothing and other articles to buy.

The Senior Fireside group has resumed meetings Sunday evenings after church in the home of Bea Larsen. All who are interested are invited to attend these meetings.

Many of our ward attended the October general conference in Salt Lake City. On their return, Lucille Williams, Don Allphin and Bishop Bybee reported to the ward some of the events that they witnessed. All of them agreed that it was one of the greatest conferences of which they had partaken.

Helen and Dean Mann are being keps very busy by their new ward. Dean is the Sunday school superintendent of Claremont ward while Helen is teaching Junior Sunday school. Both of them attend a scripture class each Sunday after the evening services.

During a recent trip to Washington, D. C., Glenn Shaw visited our missionary, Joyce Briscoe. It was truly a thrill for her to see someone from home. By the way, Joyce will be seeing all of us very soon. She expects to be home by Christmas.

## Berk. Stake News

GENEALOGICAL HOME TEACHERS

A new course in genealogical "home teaching" is now running on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Berkeley chapel for our stake. All home teachers or prospects are urged to attend the progressive course so as to carry the instructions into "Home Teaching" in all of the wards.

It is pointed out that each ward should be represented by 10 or 12 members, or more. Nov. 7 is the date for the next meeting.

● Deseret News "Foods Editor," Mrs. Winnifred C. Jardine, has won for the second time, first place among the nation's newspaper food column writers. "Foods for Fun" she calls her daily Deseret News column. It's really fun.


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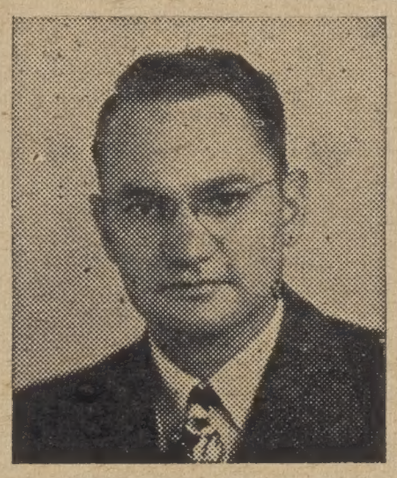

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## LDS Business News

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almost ran over him as he sat patiently waiting for a shot in the mountains above Oroville. He got him on the second shot, but it still was only a small fellow, about 100 pounds, dressing out 68 pounds.

● Dennis Lauper's insurance paid off! Calvin Wood, son of Don Wood of Claremont ward, the Refinoil man, is convalescing from a very serious motorcycle accident in which he suffered a dislocated right hip and fractured leg. However, the pain and misery of the injury was partially offset by the fact that $750.00 of the expense of hospital and sureon was covered under a $14.00 per year Student Accident policy, which his father had purchased from Insurance Broker Dennis Lauper. That kind of policy seems worthy of recommendation to everyone. Why don't we all ask: Are we and our family insured against accident?

## Pittsburg Ward

By THORA ASTLE

A recent arrival at the home of Carvel and Marian Dansie is a baby son, the first male grandchild for the Elmer Dansies. Also in the new family category are the Mark Sterlings, the proud parents of a baby boy.

Of great local interest was the recent marriage of Marlton Simons and the former Lorraine Dame in the Salt Lake temple. Marlton's parents, now of Los Banos, Calif., were formerly members of our ward and Marlton returned from his mission while a member of this ward. In honor of the couple a reception was held in Pittsburg chapel Oct. 26.

The Elmer Dansies have returned home after spending a month in Utah. While there they attended general conference.

Also attending general conference from our ward were Bishop and Sister LaFarr P. Astle and family, and Alta Magleby. Sister Magleby then journeyed to her home in Monroe, Utah, for a longer visit with relatives and friends.


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# BOOK REVIEW

## "A Century of Mormon Activity In California," Volume I, By Leo J. Muir

Opening with ten pages of photographs of the general authorities of the Church—its nine presidents and its present-day apostles, Vol. I of "A Century of Mormon Activity in California" closes with ten pages containing, (1) the masterful address of James E. Talmage, "The Philosophical Basis of Mormonism," delivered in connection with a Congress of Religious Philosophies held in San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915, and (2) the Church of the Air discourse by President Eugene Hilton in 1937.

Between these two presentations are packed almost 500 pages of photographs and prose depicting four major LDS periods in California: (1) 1846-1858 Colonization and Defense (Mormon Battalion, Ship Brooklyn colony, San Bernardino founding, and five early California mission presidents' terms from Brannan to George Q. Cannon; (2) 1858-1890, Mormon Colonization and Missionary Work ends in California. All Saints recalled to Utah at the approach of Johnson's army in 1857. (3) 1890-1923, Church Renews Missionary Activity under Presidents Karl G. Maeser, Henry S. Tanner, Ephraim H. Nye, Joseph E. Robinson and Joseph W. McMurrin. (4) 1923-1950: From 1923 when the first California stake, Los Angeles stake, organized to the present.

Reviewer's impressions:

1. Chapters on three colonization events are detailed, lucid, delightfully illustrated.

2. Slow growth of LDS population, 1890-1918, in California, is sketched in detail and explained logically. Why other western states grew greatly through LDS imigration, but only a trickle of it then reached California.

3. The great flood of Mormon migration to California commencing at the close of World War I, and continuing to the present, is explained reasonably and well by pictures and paragraphs. Herein lies the main part of the volume, pages 125 to 500; herein are most of the volume's near 700 pictures of leaders, groups, chapels, monuments and other structures.

4. Five pages and six illustrations contain Oakland stake's complete history as a stake and by wards and the same number of pages and pictures spells out Berkeley stake's story from first to last. Both stakes appear again in the "Welfare" section with photos and stories. The same is true of San Francisco Welfare. Santa Rosa, although the account of its organization and officers are included in the volume, has its welfare activities still listed by wards and branches of Berkeley stake or of the Mission.

5. Pictures of presidents of California stakes as of 1950 and of stake patriarchs are complete and pleasant to see. Included are our latest California stake presidencies of Santa Rosa, Santa Barbara, Fresno and Bakersfield.

6. The San Francisco bay area as well as Northern California, in general, is again on photographic parade in still other sections of this really inclusive work, such as sections on World War II, and in the fields of Scouting, education, music, public entertainment, business, finance, law, civic affairs, public affairs, public health, medicine, personal services, mortuary service, writing and publishing.

Shown are photos of Howard S. McDonald, Dr. Ernest Hall, Dr. Emery R. Ranker, Dr. Wayne F. McIntire, Basil H. Peterson, Robert Lee Kenner, Wm. J. Richardson, the King Sisters, Donna Lee Wall, Delbert H. Rock, Robert G. Larsen, Manton Moody, Theodora J. Ruegg, J. Edward Johnson.

Anson G. Perkins, Annaleone D. Patton, Heber J. Brown, Elmo R. Smith, Thomas S. Ferguson, A. D. Erickson, Ruth S. Hilton, Hilda E. Perkins, Florence M. Fitzgerald, Alameda Co. DUP group, Oakland stake R. S. group (1942 Centennial), Alameda ward chapel ground breaking group, Scout group with President Herbert Hoover, including Lynn Knight, E. Pyle, Dean Farnsworth and Bob Johnson, Dr. Douglas Ream, Raymond L. Knight, Dahen K. Broadbent. San Francisco stake is also represented in photographs but the writer is not acquainted well enough to spot their photos. Scores of others in Northern California have only biographical sketches where no photos were sent. Scores of others were asked in vain for photos.

Shown also is the Lura-Glo Laboratory, Monton Moody's Hillcrest motel and Don Kimball's trailer court.

Conclusion:

Speaking frankly as an individual the writer would not part with his Volume I for $50.00, or ten times its cost, if another were not purchasable.


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## Georgia Lauper

Georgia Lauper, daughter of Serge and Jean Lauper, he of the San Francisco stake presidency, will appear with the San Francisco Quintette at the "Harvest Moon Highlights," the Liahona club's great banquet, revue romantique and ball at the new Alameda chapel, Monday, November 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Other members of the colorful singing five are Del Franklin, who will also act as emcee of the whole affair), Gwen Felkins, Jack Sweeney and Stan Gallant.

It is announced that reservations for the "Harvest Moon Highlights" may be made by phoning Dennis Lauper at ANdover 1-3594 or T. S. Ferguson at TWinoaks 3-3345.

## Hayward Ward

By ANN LIVINGSTON.

Bishop Ostler gave us a very interesting report on the general conference in Salt Lake. He stressed, as did President David O. McKay, the important position that the home has in the lives of all of us, and especially in the lives of Latter-day Saints. The moving report that he gave us of Elder Marion G. Romney's talk as he was voted in as the new Apostle made all of us present wish that we could have heard the rest of it from the lips of Brother Romeny. The Bishop's wife and family made the trip to conference with him.

Sister Eva Bailey, Anne Livingston and Kathyleen Ray also had the great privilege of going to conference. They went via Yosemite Park, Death Valley, Zion's Park, Brice Canyon, Manti, where Sister Livingston had the privilege of attending one session at the Temple, doing endowment for one and the sealing of children to parents for two. Then onto Provo, Salt Lake, Idaho and then back to conference.

Norah Harris' mother, Yora Wallace, from Salt Lake has been visiting her for the past month. Ruth Wilson's mother, Sister Lavon Osmond of the Elmhurst ward, fell and broke her leg. Buch and Colleen Edington are in Hayward from Arizona, spending ther vacation with Sister Allard who has been ailing for some time.

Any sister not attending Relief Society is missing a fine thing. Sister Edna Smith leads the theology class, Janette McBride, the literature lesson and Anne Livingston, the Social Service. A fine time is had on work day, lunch is served at noon. All are encouraged to come; a baby tender has been arranged for the little tots.

The collecting of the ward budget is in full swing under the able leadership of Lloyd Brooks. Remember if you pay your assessment before the end of the year you get your Improvement Era free! Yes, that's right, you get the Era free for the whole year for just paying your budget when it is due.

We have heard a good deal about guarding our tongues. Sister McDonald put it a new way for us at the Stake Relief Society convention: "Watch your tongue; it is in a wet place, and might slip."


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## Lakeport Branch

By MAUD PEARSON.

Plans for a "Harvest Party" are under way with Ruth Bullard in charge of the whole affair. November 7 is the date set and we know it is going to be a lot of fun. The party is to be primarily for the youth of the Branch, but everyone is invited.

The new lessons for Fireside promise to be a real help to all, especially those of us who have teaching of any kind to do. They are from the books, "The Master's Art," and "Teaching As the Direction of Activities." They are a teacher training course and are ably given by Robert Lassen.

Brother and Sister Bryant from Boise, Idaho, have been visiting their son and daughter-in-law, the Sherman Kelleys and they plan to visit more of their children before returning home. Brother Bryant said he'll be back because he loves Lake county. He will always be happy to see them again.

Several new families have moved into the Branch in the last month or so and we bid them welcome, and invite them to our meetings.

President Leith Pearson and his wife, having spent a most enjoyable time at the General Conference, gave a report of the conference at Fireside meeting Sunday night, October 21.

President Pearson's message for the month is an echo of the words of the First Presidency, "Unity and love in the home is one of the most precious and desirable gifts of life."

## Vallejo Ward

By LARUE POWELL

Relief Society president, Sarah Neerings, and her counselors, Erma Zundell and Mae Williams, were released on Oct. 7, at sacrament services. Sisters Neerings and Zundell have served for four years and Sister Williams for the past several months. New officers sustained were: Norma Taylor, president; Ruby Larsen and Twilla Farrin, counselors; Lois Bannister, secretary; Ilene McGuin and Frances Henderson, teachers; Ruth Rose, work director and Carol Barris, organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Zundell and three children motored to Salt Lake City to attend the general October conference. The spirituality and knowledge they gained was expressed by them in interesting talks given at sacrament services Oct. 14. Warning and counsel was expressed at the conference by J. Reuben Clark, Jr., when he said that LDS parents cannot shift responsibility for training their children to the state, schools, society or even the church.

It's wee Kathleen who is responsible for the broad smiles and light steps of Bishop and Mrs. Vernon Newman. This adorable little sister of three-year-old David was born Oct. 8, 1951.

It is nice to find the ward paper, "The Reminder," in our mail boxes again. We owe this to our Elders' quorum, under the direction of Pres. Tom Williams, Vern Dorrough and Ward Christofferson, who have taken it upon themselves to edit our paper as a quorum project.

## Balboa Ward News

By CAROLYN STORM

Friends of the Clyde Harts will be pleased to know that he has been made Sunday school superintendent in Frankfurt, Germany. Our missionaries are doing wonderfully well on their missions wherever they are sent. Elder Frank Heiss has been made supervisor of the Vienna District in Australia. Elder Play Williams now is branch president in Lyon, France.

The Mutual has added a new secretary, Charles Naumann, and a MIA Maids teacher, Pearl Morris. Welcome to both.

A closing thought: Let us all be dependable and sincere in the positions we have been called to fill, and remember that the Lord has promised us riches untold if we will obey His commandments.

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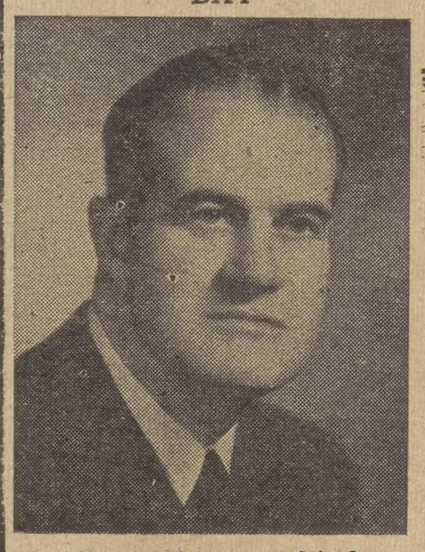


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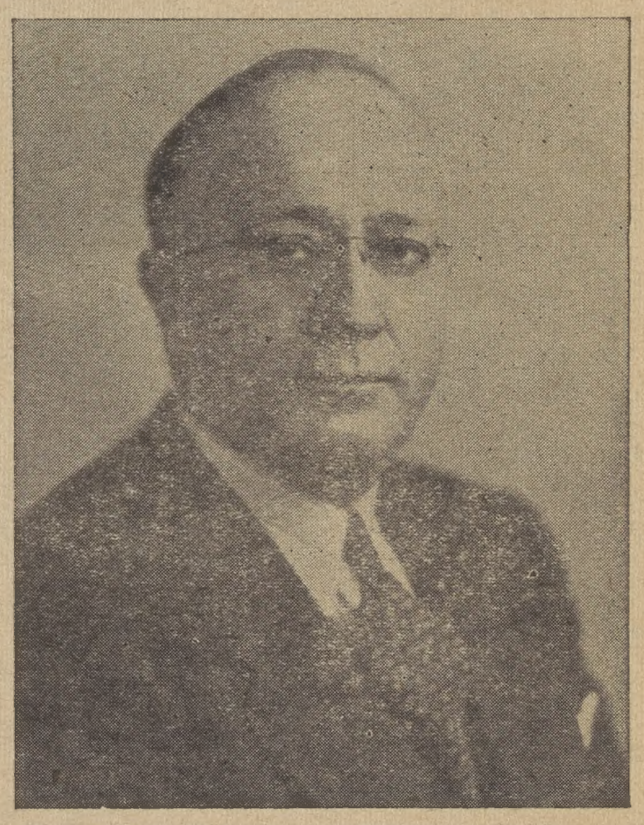


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# What Jesus Christ Means to Me

He reveals the Father.

There's the story of Johnnie running into the house one time when he had been getting rather the rough end of things from his playfellows, and calling, "Mother." No answer. Into the next room he called "Mother." Up stairs he ran furiously calling louder. Still no reply but the echo.

She had expected to be back from the store even before anyone had noticed that she had gone. He tried calling down the basement, but still no mother's voice. Panic swept over his lonely soul; sobs followed. How haunted that empty house without a mother! An awful devastation rolled over the weeping boy's frame. All about him was a sea of trouble and no land in sight!

How different if mother had been there just to hear his tale of woe; speak the assuring word; give the little pat and a kiss. Courage then all restored; back to the playground and going on as usual! all pulled together inside.

What mother is to a lad in trouble, the Father is to mankind in this troubled life! What a hollow, haunted world indeed if there is no Father to answer when we call! To live void of all faith; how awful! No wonder panic sweeps over fearful souls and sends them to psychiatrists and asylums; hysterics creep over the soul; fears and despair engulf us, black out our peace.

Johnnie and Susie need a mother's and a father's assurance of love and acceptance—without that the very soul grows lonely, warped and sick. Is mankind any less in need of a Father that knows, and loves, and cares, and comforts the human heart?

Who reveals the Father like Jesus does? "Teach us to pray," they asked of him, and he began, "Our Father, who art in heaven." And is it not written of him, "And he went into the mountain to pray and was all night in prayer to God." He confessed "the Father dwelleth in me" and doeth the works. Did He not enjoin us to "be one in me as I am one in the Father; that we may all be one together?"

Yes, Jesus reveals the Father: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, and ye shall have peace to your souls."

Jesus has put God in the universe for us, a Father that listens when we call. "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father give His Spirit to them that ask?"

**HIS LOVE AND TENDERNESS**

Chas. H. Spurgeon wrote:

The love of Christ in its sweetness its greatness, its faithfulness, passeth all human understanding. Before we can have any right idea of the love of Jesus, we must understand his previous glory in is height of majesty, and his incarnation upon earth in all its depths of shame.

But who can tell the majesty of Christ? When he was enthroned in the highest heavens He was the very God; by Him were the heavens made, and all the hosts thereof. His own almighty power upheld the spheres; the praises of cherubim and ceraphim perpetually surrounded Him; the full chorus of the hallelujahs of the universe unceasingly flowed to the foot of His throne.

He reigned supreme above all His creatures, God over all, blessed forever. Who can tell His height of glory then, And who on the other hand, can tell how low He descended,

To be a man was something; to be a man of sorrows was far more; to bleed and die and suffer; these were much for Him who was the Son of God; but to suffer such unparalled agony—to endure a death of shame and desertion by His Father ,this is a depth of condescending love which the most inspired mind must utterly fail to fathom.

Here is love! and truly it is the love that "passeth knowledge." O, let this love fill our hearts with adoring gratitude and lead us to practical manifestations of its power.

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● To arouse a more fraternal spirit among its members, the 273rd Quorum of Seventy and their families gather each second Sunday evening of the month in a Fireside where problems of current interest are discussed, and the social amenities are exchanged.

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"When I want to talk to God I kneel down and pray: when I want God to talk to me, I open one of the Standard Works of the Church."

# *Elder David Wood Writes From Berlin*

We held our first street meeting in Berlin since the reopening of the East German Mission and was it a success? We were eight elders strong and went up to an area of town where hundreds of people pass a given corner in an hour. We started singing, "We Thank Thee, Oh God, For a Prophet," the curious ones started gathering around and with a few words of introduction, I gave the time (15 minutes) to Elder Dennet, who really gave them a powerful sermon on the Apostacy and really convinced them that we were the only Church that had an excuse for existence.

When he said that Jehovah's witnesses were a sect, you should have heard two old ladies who were there selling Watch Towers, howl. The crowd, however, shut them u pand told them they didn't want to hear from Jehovah's witnesses, but they wanted to hear about God, from us. There was a drunk who started heckling us, but before a couple of our Elders could get to him, the crowd "dispersed" him.

We all had time to get up and give them the word on some aspect of the Restoration. I don't think I've ever felt the spirit any stronger within me than when I got up and told Joseph Smith's story and the appearance of John the Baptist bringing the Aaronic priesthood, etc.

**The meeting lasted for over two hours, but when groups started gathering around each of us separately to hear us answer uestions, we had to close because each group was getting larger than the original meeting. We closed with "We Thank Thee, Oh God, For a Prophet" and left a crowd of approximately 100 discussing among themselves and looking bewilderedly after us. You know, two motorcycle cops from the Police Revier were sent to give us protection.**

We were a very humble group of elders as we knelt together afterward in Elder Dennet's room and thanked our Lord for our success and His guiding Spirit. This is certainly not going to be the last street meeting. The people are hungry for the truth.

(Note: This section, East Berlin, is under Communist domination, but our elders were unmolested and protected. The people were hungry for the true gospel preached with power.)

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## Trainer of FBI Agents In California and Ariozna Authors Three LDS Books; Now Sec'ty BYU Alumni

Cleon Skousen former administrative assistant to J. Edgar Hoover and now in charge of training FBI agents in California and Ariona, and living in the Los Angeles area, is the author of three popular LDS books, "Prophesy and Modern Times," "The Story of the Mormon Pioneers," and "The Real Story of Christmas." A returned missionary and former stake mission president, he wrote the script for the Welfare Committee films shown Church-wide. Currently he is reported busy gathering material for a publication on the welfare program in action throughout the Church. He has just been appointed secretary of the BYU Alumni association.

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# *Oil In Mountain West*

**From the Deseret News.**

"In comparatively few years, the Mountain West has become one of the country's major oil centers. Wyoming first gained recognition as an oil producing and refining state. Then the oil companies turned seriously to the Rangely, Colorado, area and developed one of the nation's newest major fields.

"The Colorado field is just over the border from Utah's Uinta Basin—today the Basin is one of the hottest exploration areas in the country. Elsewhere in Utah and other mountain states, oil exploration is going forward at an increasing tempo.

"Utah—with 39 commercial producers pouring out crude oil at the rate of 1,300,000 barrels annually—looms large in the national picture. Some are looking for another East Texas in the Uinta Basin. Utah set aside October 14 to 20 as "Utah Oil Progress Week" to show how oil now contributes to the state's wellbeing."

# *Los Angeles Temple Site 25-Acre Knoll*

At the foot of the Santa Monica Mountain Range lies Westwood, a beautiful home village of Los Angeles and campus of the University of California at Los Angeles. Less than a mile away spreads the 25-acre knoll on which now will rise a glorious Temple of the Lord with its 265-foot towering spire, its large Bureau of Information and a California Mission Home. The figure of the Angel Moroni will cap the lofty spire of the temple, 40 feet higher than the Salt Lake Temple.

On that 238 to 300-foot elevated knoll on Saturday, September 20, 1951, stood a company of Latterday Saints and saw the Prophet, Seer and Revelator, David O. McKay, dedicate this tract for the erection of the ninth temple of the latter days, not counting the temples erected at Kirtland and Nauvoo. Other speakers on this notable occasion in American history were Presidents Stephen L. Richards and J. Reuben Clark and the President of the Twelve, Joseph Fielding Smith.

Speaking for the great city of Los Angeles Mayor Bowran said: "The physical development of the area is something of which we shall be proud, but that is only a small thing compared to the spiritual and moral values that will come to us in the erection of this edifice here in Los Angeles.

**"Your people are a good people, good Americans and we know wherever we find the teachings of your Church there is the best answer to the threat of Communism we will find in this part of the world."**

This smiling plat of choice earth affords a gentle elevation from which the curvature of the blue Pacific may be seen on clear days five miles to the west, while the heart of the metropolis of Los Angeles is but 15 miles eastward.

Along the south border of this site flows busy traffic along broad Santa Monica Boulevard, while surrounding the site on two other sides are splendid modern homes and apartments and on the third side stands a junior high school and a protestant church.

Of striking design, partaking of the Mayan influence and conceived by Architect Edward O. Anderson, the sacred structure will be supervised in its erection by the Church Building Committee of which Howard J. McKean is chairman.

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# *Prayer In Korea*

**By LES GOATES.**

**Deseret News, June 30, 1951.**

One of our fine young men, fighting in Korea, sends along a plea for a little help from us folks at home .

"You folks back home are doing a grand job keeping us supplied with the little extra things a soldier on the front needs, like reading material, letters, candy bars, etc. But we need something more than that I wish every person in the United States would take a few minutes each day to say a prayer for us. Believe me that is what we need the most.

"We are all aware of the fact that we may be next. However, we have no fear, because those who are saved and know they are saved, have the assurance that our Heavenly Father is with us.

"There are many in this outfit that are afraid of death. They are the ones that need our prayers, more than we who go forth unafraid.

"The reason I am writing is because I have seen this grim drama happen time and time again. I have been in the midst of men and **boys who know** not prayer. They were full of fear when death hit all around them, but those who knew God and prayer were never afraid."

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## Ten Stake Choir Sings In Hollywood Bowl and San Bernardino Centennial

A specially-formed 300-voice choir from ten stakes sang on the nationally broadcast program, "Our America" of the "Go to Church" campaign of all the churches held in the Hollywood Bowl, October 7. On October 13 the choir also sang numbers at the great Orange Bowl in San Bernardino at their three-day Centennial and have been invited to sing at the next Easter morning services in the Hollywood Bowl.

# *O, HARVEST BALL!*

You are invited—and you—and you—and especially YOU! It's the annual Harvest Ball of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes to be held Friday, Nov. 23, in the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland.

It will be one of the finest parties the Mutual Improvement organizations have ever presented. Fine music of Vincent Raff's featured dance orchestra, proper atmosphere and happy make a combination which guarantees a time to remember for all.

**Oakland Stake MIA officers have challenged the Berkeley Stake MIA officers to produce as great attendance of Berkeley members, as they intend to show from Oakland members. On your toes, both stakes!**

MIA stake and ward officers of Berkeley have accepted the challenge and are urging ward members to canvass their wards to be sure that all know of the dance and have transportation to the auditorium.

**In spite of increased costs the price remains $1.00 per person, and this price includes the 17c federal tax. Where else is so much available for so little?**

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## *Del Franklin*

Del Franklin will act as emcee at the "Harvest Moon Highlights" the Liahona club's banquet, revue romantique, and ball in the Alameda chapel Monday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Del also appears with the San Francisco vocal quintette, a feature of the revue romantique.

It is announced that reservations for the evening of spirit and body feasting may be arranged by calling Dennis Lauper, ANdover 1-3594, or Tom S. Ferguson, TWinoaks, 3-3345.

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# *Blessings Received*

**By ANNA L. BIRD.**

Sister Anna L. Bird of 464 Lyon street, San Francisco, is kind enough to share with our readers her testimony of blessings received. She says: "I have received so many blessings and witnessed so many miracles that it is hard to select one or two. Years ago my husband and I were putting aside all we could spare towards a first payment on a home of our own.

"A lady, a close relative of my husband's came at this time and asked us to lend her money, saying that she needed it desperately and there was no other way for her to get it, as we were her last resort.

"Up to this time she hadn't been very friendly and never failed, it seemed, to hurt us or cause us trouble. All this we had ignored. Altho I knew that we would never get that loan back I consented to let her have it. In fact we have never gotten the $150 back to this day.

"But it helped her greatly and from then on she was more friendly and refrained from hurting us.

"It was only a few days after we made the loan to her that neighbors came to me and asked me to do their sewing. In making over used clothes and some new ones, I spent a lot of my time at the sewing machine, often until the wee hours of the morning.

"But with sewing and nursing and a raise in pay which my husband received, we soon made up that loan and had the money back in the bank. Moreover, we were never in need and we had gained peace in the family.

"By helping others we always help ourselves. No one is truly bad or wicked intentionally; to forgive and forget is one of my mottoes. And whenever trials and sorrows have come to me (and there have been many as I am up in my years), I can always recall some verse or phrase from the Scriptures that brings me the comforting words I need at the time.

"We owe it to ourselves to read something worthwhile and that will benefit us each day. Hence, our Church books are our greatest friends every day of our lives."

## Christmas Dressed Dolls Made to Order By Talented Widow

"Let me have six of those delightful dolls," said one sister at Relief Society where the dolls were shown in one of our wards this month. "I want to give them to friends for their children for Christmas."

These dolls are of unbreakable plastic, seven inches tall and dressed in crochetted clothes that can be taken off and put on just as little girls love to do with their dolls nowadays.

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These wonderful dolls she sells for $3.00. For those who would like to contact this sister we give her address: Mrs. Mary M. Dunne 2511 Hearst avenue, Apt. 203, Berkeley 9, California. Phone THornwall 3-10088.

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## San Bernardino Celebrates 100th Anniversary of City's Founding By LDS

The citizens of San Bernardino, California, held a celebration on October 12-14, of the founding of their city by Latter-day Saints. Featured in the mammoth three-day festivities were a huge parade, a LDS Church-sponsored dance and musical festival in the Orange Bowl stadium, an art exhibit, street dances and a western cavalcade of Hollywood stars. The Argonaut Club of the city sponsored the whole event.

In the parade the LDS organizations had four floats, the one which led the parade being a large white Bible opened at the current theme, "Choose Ye This Day Whom Ye Will Serve." At the musical festival sang the famed 300-voiced ten-stake choir and in the dance presentations were 500 dancers from 12 stakes, and a square and ballet group that came from St. George, Utah.

Heading the parade was "Miss America" of 1952, the LDS California-born Colleen Hutchins. At the festival she also presented a dramatic reading from "Eliabeth the Queen" by Sherwood Anderson.

San Bernardino was settled by 500 Saints in 1851 as called by President Young.

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# *Japanese Mission Honors 50th Year of Land's Dedication*

Pres. Vinal Mauss and 80 missionaries in Japan commemorated by a five day observation of the fiftieth year since the dedication of Japan as a LDS mission field by Heber J. Grant, then an apostle. Gathering in a famous mountain spot of scenic beauty, three hours by train from Tokyo, the five days featured a talent program, sight-seeing to old temples and shrines, a historic program, an evening of sacred music led by Ethel Mauss, and Sunday's three inspiring sessions at which were present Pres. Hilton A. R. Robertson, former mission president; Dr. Wesley Lloyd, dean of students at BYU, and Chaplain Theo. E. Curtis.